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AMERICAN LEGION

Twenty-fifth Annual National Convention

OMAHA, NEBRASKA

September 21-22-23, 1943

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Twenty-third Annual National Convention

American Legion Auxiliary

Twenty-fourth Annual Promenade Nationale

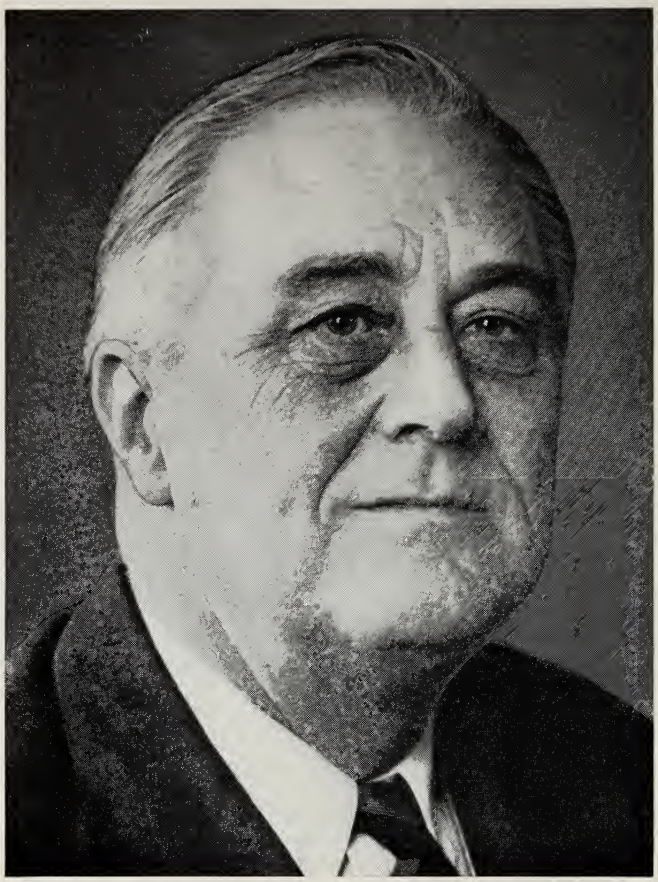
La Societe Des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

Twenty-second Annual Marche Nationale

La Boutique Des 8 Chapeaux et 40 Femmes

Omaha is proud to be host to the American Legion streamlined National Convention of 1943. We make no apologies for entertaining you with less display and splendor than perhaps was given during the convention of 1925 here in Omaha. You, our honored guests, would not approve of lavish and unnecessary entertainment during these wartimes. That you may thoroughly enjoy your brief stay here, and that this convention will be of inestimable value to you as Legionnaires and to the nation as a whole is the sincere desire of all Nebraska Legionnaires, and of Omaha citizens generally. You honor us by being our guests.

OMAHA CONVENTION CORPORATION
ROBERT H. STORZ, President



FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
President of the United States

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 9, 1943.

My Dear Commander Waring:

The American Legion and its Auxiliary through widespread organization and its splendid principles has become a factor of the utmost importance in the furtherance of attaining our national ideals and in safeguarding our freedoms. During peace the Legion's active programs of adequate national defense, Americanism, good government, solicitude for our youth, and assistance to the war disabled have contributed stalwart support to the nation's welfare and unity. During war the vigor of your support of its prosecution has been an inspiration. For all this the American Legion merits high tribute.

Today we are confronted with two all-important problems—first, winning the war; second, winning the peace. You have an important part in each. Without the accomplishment of the first there can be no second. Let, then, your primary program be to further the successful conclusion of the war. The war won, let your primary program be the crystallization of national unity for the purpose of winning the peace.

I am confident the American Legion will give its all-out support to the accomplishment of these objectives.

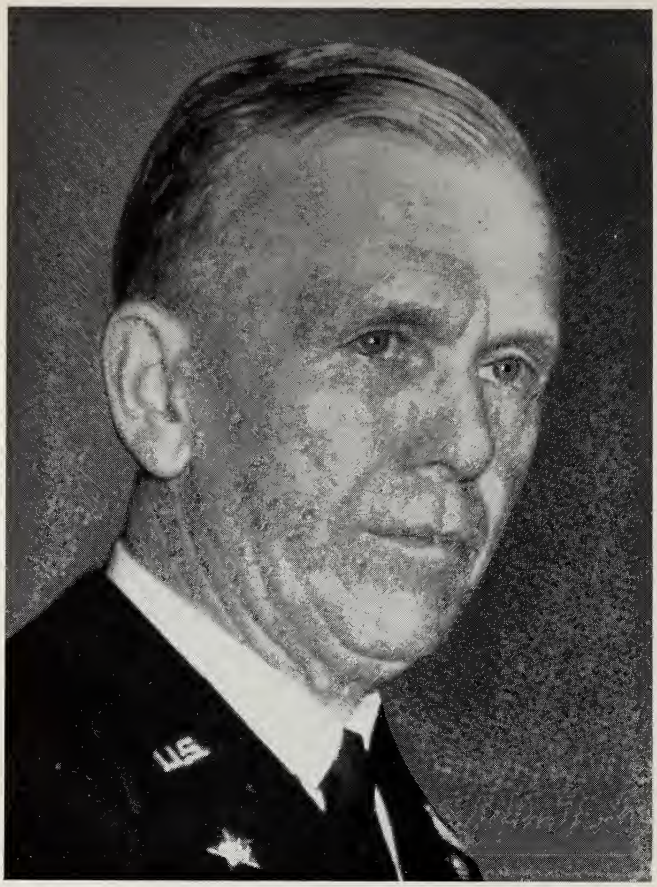
Very sincerely yours,
FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

ROANE WARING, National Commander

"For the second time in its history The American Legion is meeting in Omaha, home of the largest Post. Here in 1925 we laid the foundation for our national rehabilitation and child welfare programs. Service to the veterans of World War I was the keynote.

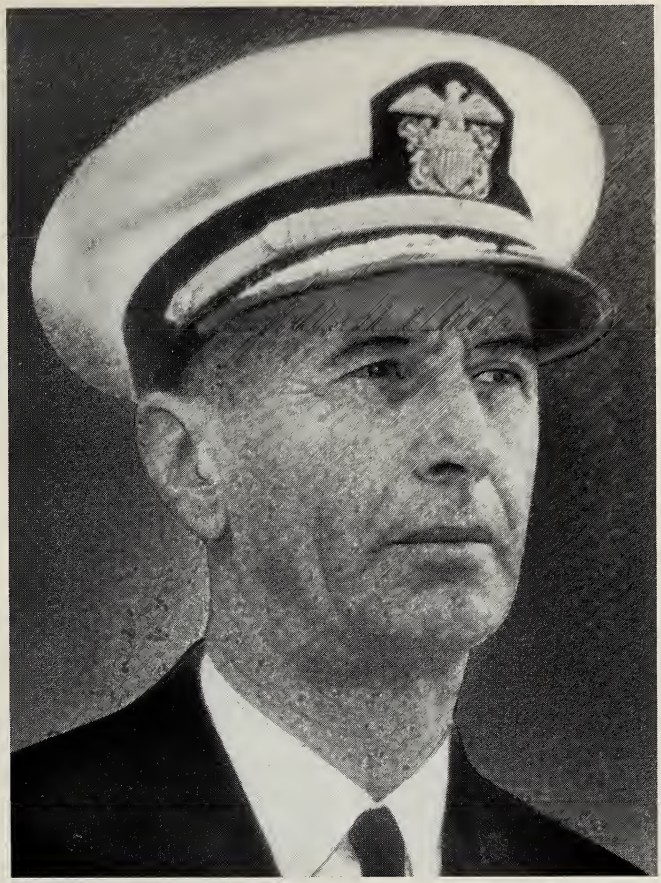
This year history will repeat itself in Omaha. Here in 1943 The American Legion will lay the groundwork for another vast program of service. It will be a program dedicated to serving the members of the armed forces and the veterans of World War II and to activities in support of the common all-out war effort.

Here we will appraise the past and, profiting by its lessons, look ahead. We must draft our course toward victory and the building of the greater America of tomorrow upon the solid foundation of fundamental Americanism. We must do so by thinking straight and planning wisely to the end that the things for which our sons are fighting and dying will never be sacrificed to the vague vision of an impractical future."



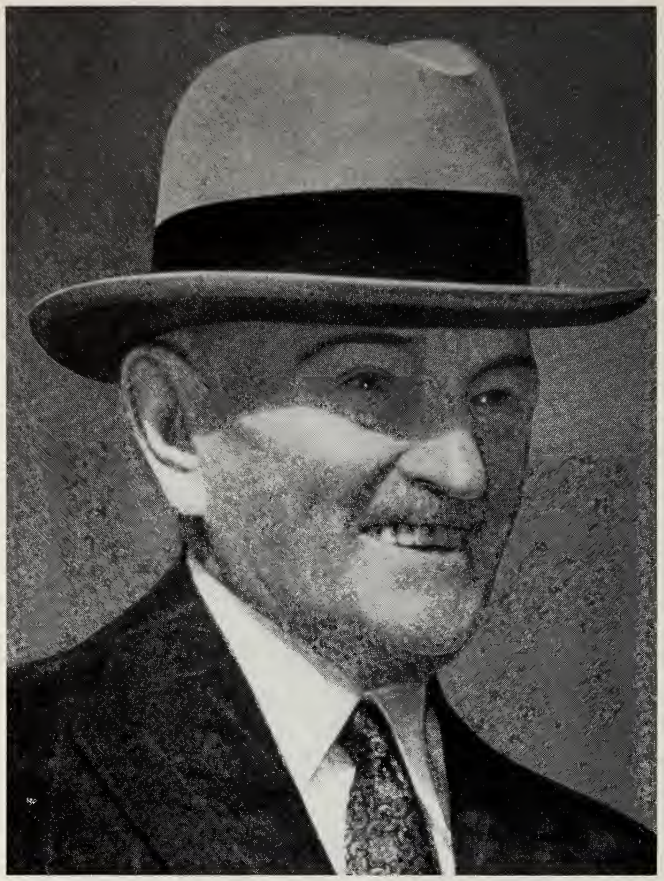
GENERAL GEORGE C. MARSHALL,
The Chief of Staff, U. S. Army

Born in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, December 31, 1880, George C. Marshall has risen to his present military position because of his genius in tactics, his brilliant planning ability, his prodigious memory, and his stubborn unwillingness to admit there is any military job he cannot do. A graduate of the Virginia Military Institute in 1901, Marshall was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in the U. S. Army a year later and assigned to the Philippines. His achievements in both the World War I and in the present war are history. A small, wiry man, he has a personality which draws people to him. He is reasonable in his attitudes, kindly, tolerant, yet rough and tough as his job demands. There is probably no one man in Washington today whose word is more respected or as quickly accepted by Congress as is George C. Marshall's.



ADMIRAL ERNEST J. KING
Commander in Chief U. S. Fleet and Chief of Naval Operations

"In its first quarter of a century the American Legion has stood dedicated to the protection of this country's best interest and highest ideals. Many Legionnaires are back in uniform, others are serving as leaders on the home front. Such patriotic endeavor will hasten the defeat of our enemies. After the final battle is won, an American Legion even stronger and greater can help guide the way in our national march of progress."



GENERAL JOHN J. PERSHING

"To My Comrades of The American Legion:

Unfortunately, no longer is it possible for me to be with you at your annual conventions, and I must, therefore, content myself with conveying to you in this way my affectionate greetings and renewed assurances of my abiding interest in your welfare.

Again this year you convene in the midst of war. It is gratifying indeed that, true to the principles for which you fought, you have, by your example, your counsel, and your patriotic ardor, met the challenge and contributed notably to the all-out prosecution of this war. You will, I am confident, until the final certain victory, continue your efforts in the same spirit and with the same devotion that animated your own military services a quarter of a century ago.

My warmest regards and best wishes to all."

DWIGHT GRISWOLD, Governor of Nebraska

"The people of Nebraska are proud to have the opportunity to be hosts again to the national conventions of The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Forty and Eight and the Eight and Forty. Never in the history of these organizations have the national conventions been as important. The people of the United States are looking to them for leadership in establishing policies to be followed during and after the present war. As these important problems are being considered, the people of Nebraska and the people of Omaha will want to cooperate in every way in making your visit here one long to be remembered."

ROBERT H. STORZ
Chairman Omaha Convention Committee
(Retiring Commander Omaha Post No. 1)

"Six thousand members of Omaha Post No. 1 of The American Legion, largest membership this post ever has had, extend a hearty and enthusiastic welcome to delegates and visitors to the 1943 national conventions of The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Forty and Eight and the Eight and Forty.

It is the sincere hope of our members, and the desire of our fellow residents of Omaha that your stay in Omaha will be thoroughly pleasant, despite wartime conditions.

Omaha's traditional midwestern hospitality will be yours during your sojourn with us. We invite you to visit our city and to enjoy yourselves in the spare hours you may have from convention duties."

JAMES ANDREW DRAIN
Past National Commander, The American Legion.

Born—Warren County, Illinois, September 30, 1878.
Died—U.S. Veterans Administration Hospital, Mt. Alto, Maryland, May 30, 1943.

James A. Drain served as National Commander of The American Legion during 1924-25. He presided over the 1925 national convention held in Omaha. He directed The American Legion's campaign in 1925 to raise its $5,000,000 endowment fund for rehabilitation and child welfare.

The American Legion was "Jim" Drain's best love next to God and Country and family. To it he devoted his best talents and gave unselfishly of his strength and time.

In his death The American Legion lost a leader who was kind, charming, thoughtful for others, and whose life epitomized the ideal of service to God and Country beyond the call of duty.

It can truly be said that America and The American Legion are better for his having lived.

FRANK E. SAMUEL, National Adjutant, The American Legion—1932-1943

Born—Downing, Mo., Dec. 31, 1889.
Died—Negaunee, Mich., July 25, 1943.

In the death of National Adjutant Frank E. Samuel, The American Legion lost a beloved leader and administrator. He had devoted his civilian career since World War I to building The American Legion, first as Adjutant of the Department of Kansas, as Director of Organization and Membership at national headquarters, as Assistant National Adjutant, and finally as National Adjutant.

A Christian gentleman, a peerless Legionnaire in spirit as well as in deed, a diplomat whose tact was exceeded only by his personal charm, Frank E. Samuel will be missed by thousands of Legionnaires all over the nation. His death represented not only a tragic loss to The American Legion, but the personal loss of a very dear friend.

May God rest his soul, and The American Legion ever honor his memory!

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THE AMERICAN LEGION

SEPTEMBER 21, 22 and 23, 1943

OMAHA » » » » NEBRASKA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1943

9:00 a. m. **Resolutions Assignment Committee,** Auditorium, Room 1.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1943

5:00 p. m. **Americanism Endowment Committee,** National Adjutant's Office, Auditorium.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1943

9:00 a. m. National Aeronautics Commission, G. A. R. Room, 5th Floor, Court House.

Constitution and By-Laws Committee, Room 11, Auditorium.

National Convention Liaison Committee, Room 2, Auditorium.

National Coordinating Committee, Room 12, Auditorium.

National Defense Committee, Court Room 1, 5th Floor, Court House.

Committee on Civil Defense, Room 1, County Attorney's Office, Court House.

Committee on Merchant Marine, Room 2, County Attorney's Office, Court House.

Committee on Naval Affairs, Room 4, County Attorney's Office, Court House.

National Emblem Committee, Room 4, Auditorium.

National Finance Committee, Room 19, Auditorium.

Law and Order Committee, Executive Section, Room 18, Auditorium.

Legion Publications Commission, Court Room 2, 5th Floor, Court House.

National Employment Committee, Room 10, Auditorium.

National Legislative Committee, Room 8, Auditorium.

National Rehabilitation Committee, Executive Section, Court Room 1, 5th Floor, Court House.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1943—Continued

National Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials Committee, Room 13, Auditorium.

National War Transportation Committee, Room 5, Auditorium.

World War II Liaison Executive Committee, Court Room 2, 5th Floor, Court House.

Resolutions Subcommittee, National Executive Committee, Room 7, Auditorium.

National Americanism Commission, Court Room 1, 5th Floor, Court House.

10:00 a. m. Meeting of National Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Sergeants-at-Arms, Room 10, Auditorium.

12:00 noon Convention Committee on Credentials, Assembly Room, Fontenelle Hotel

12:15 p. m. Convention Committee on Permanent Organization, Assembly Room, Fontenelle Hotel.

12:30 p. m. Convention Committee on Rules, Assembly Room, Fontenelle Hotel.

2:00 p. m. National Executive Committee, Assembly Room, Fontenelle Hotel.

3:00 p. m. Informal Child Welfare Conference, G. A. R. Room, Court House.

7:30 p. m. Religious and Patriotic Services, Joslyn Memorial Auditorium. (See complete program, page 19).

CONVENTION SESSIONS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1943

PLACE: OMAHA AUDITORIUM

Joint Session, The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary

9:00 a. m. **Music:** Omaha Post No. 1 Band.

9:30 a. m. **Call to Order:** ROANE WARING (Tennessee) National Commander

Invocation: REV. PAUL DeFORREST MORTIMORE (Idaho), National Chaplain

Advancement of Colors

Solo: "Star Spangled Banner," ETHEL TAYLOR (Tennessee) Official Soloist.

Call for Convention: DONALD G. GLASCOFF (Michigan), Acting National Adjutant

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Addresses of Welcome:

HONORABLE DWIGHT P. GRISWOLD,
Governor, State of Nebraska

HONORABLE BOURKE B. HICKENLOOPER,
Governor, State of Iowa

HONORABLE DAN B. BUTLER,
Mayor, City of Omaha

ROBERT H. STORZ,
Chairman, The American Legion 1943 Convention Committee of Omaha

JOHN CURTISS, 1942-43 Commander,
The Department of Nebraska, The American Legion

Response: LYNN U. STAMBAUGH, Past National Commander, The American Legion

Presentation of Medallion to Honorable John B. Gage, Mayor, City of Kansas City, Missouri, in which previous National Convention was held, by
HONORABLE J. MONROE JOHNSON (South Carolina)

Response:

HONORABLE JOHN B. GAGE,
Mayor, City of Kansas City, Missouri

Greetings:

MRS. ALFRED J. MATHEBAT,
National President, The American Legion Auxiliary

ELBERT H. BURNS,
Chef de Chemin de Fer, Forty and Eight

Address:

Report of the National Commander,
ROANE WARING, National Commander, The American Legion

Memorial Services:

REV. PAUL De FORREST MORTIMORE (Idaho), National Chaplain

"There is no Death" ..... O'Hara
ETHEL TAYLOR, Official Soloist

Silent Prayer

Taps

Address:

HONORABLE PRENTICE COOPER,
Governor, State of Tennessee

Committee Reports:

(a) Permanent Organization
(b) Credentials
(c) Rules

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1943—Continued

Presentation of American Legion Distinguished Service Medal to GENERAL GEORGE C. MARSHALL, The Chief of Staff, U. S. Army, by ROANE WARING, National Commander

Acceptance Address:
GENERAL GEORGE C. MARSHALL
The Chief of Staff, U. S. Army

Presentation of Distinguished Guests

Address: ERIC A. JOHNSTON, President. Chamber of Commerce, United States

Retirement of Colors

Adjournment

3:00 p. m. Meeting of Convention Committees in Douglas County Court House:

Americanism, Room 3, 5th Floor
Child Welfare, Room 4, 4th Floor
Constitutional Amendments, Room 4, Jury Room, 4th Floor
Education of Orphans of Veterans, Room 1, 5th Floor
Employment, Room 10, Auditorium
Finance, Room 2, 5th Floor
Foreign Relations, Room 1, 5th Floor
Internal Organization, Room 2, 5th Floor
Legislation, G. A. R. Room, 5th Floor
National Defense, Criminal Court Room, 5th Floor
Publications, Pioneer Room, 1st Floor
Rehabilitation, Room 2, 5th Floor
Resolutions, Room 1, 5th Floor

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1943

PLACE: OMAHA AUDITORIUM

8:30 a. m. **Music:** Omaha Post No. 1 Band

9:00 a. m. **Call to Order,** ROANE WARING (Tennessee), National Commander

Invocation: REV. PAUL De FORREST MORTIMORE (Idaho), National Chaplain

Advancement of Colors

Presentation of Distinguished Guests

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Address: GENERAL FRANK T. HINES, The Administrator of Veterans Affairs

Address: MRS. EDITH B. JOYNES, President, National Education Association of the United States

Combat Experience: PRIVATE JOSEPH GOULD, U. S. Army

Address: PAUL V. McNUTT, War Manpower Commissioner, and Past National Commander, The American Legion

Convention Committee Reports:

Americanism

Child Welfare

Constitutional Amendments

Education of Orphans of Veterans

Employment

Finance

Foreign Relations

Internal Organization

Legislation

National Defense

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Rehabilitation

Resolutions

Report: National Convention Liaison Committee, DAVID N. HARSH (Tennessee), Chairman

Address: CHESTER I. BARNARD, President, United Service Organizations

Address: WILLIAM GREEN, President, American Federation of Labor

Address: CAPTAIN LAWRENCE A. ABERCROMBIE, U. S. N.

Retirement of Colors

Adjournment

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1943

PLACE: OMAHA AUDITORIUM

8:30 a. m. **Music:** Omaha Post No. 1 Band

9:00 a. m. **Call to Order:** ROANE WARING (Tennessee), National Commander

Invocation: REV. PAUL De FORREST MORTIMORE (Idaho), National Chaplain

Advancement of Colors

Presentation of Distinguished Guests

Presentation of American Legion Distinguished Service Medal to Admiral Ernest J. King, Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet and Chief of Naval Operations by ROANE WARING, National Commander.

Acceptance Address: ADMIRAL ERNEST J. KING, Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Navy

Report of Convention Committees

Address: BURTON BERNARD (Illinois), Winner of the American Legion's National Oratorical Contest, 1943.

Combat Experience: PRIVATE FIRST CLASS NORVALL N. WOODWARD

Announcement of Awards: SPENCE S. ECCLES (Utah), Chairman, National Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials Committee.

Address: ROY B. JOHNSON, American Red Cross.

Unfinished Business

New Business

(a) Election of Officers

Presentation of Advance 1944 Membership by Departments

Presentation of Colors to Outgoing National Commander: LOUIS A. JOHNSON, Past National Commander, The American Legion

Presentation of Colors to Incoming National Commander

Retirement of Colors

Adjournment

NOTE: The National Executive Committee will meet within twenty-four hours after the adjournment of the National Convention, upon call of the National Commander.

AMERICAN LEGION

Religious and Patriotic Service

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:30 P. M.

AUDITORIUM :: JOSLYN MEMORIAL

PROGRAM

CHAIRMAN—JOHN E. CURTISS
PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, NEBRASKA

ADVANCEMENT OF COLORS AND FLAGS OF THE UNITED NATIONS . . . . . Members of the U. S. Army from Fort Omaha

SOLO: "NATIONAL ANTHEM" . . . . ETHEL TAYLOR
Official Soloist American Legion National Convention

INVOCATION . . . REV. PAUL DEFORREST MORTIMORE
National Chaplain, The American Legion

"GOING HOME" . . . . . } OMAHA ELK'S GLEE CLUB
"THE ROSARY" . . . . . } EDWARD F. MOREARTY, Director

ORGAN SOLO: "See the Conquering Hero Comes" . . . . . FLORA SEARS NELSON

ADDRESS . . . . . STEPHEN F. CHADWICK
Past National Commander, The American Legion

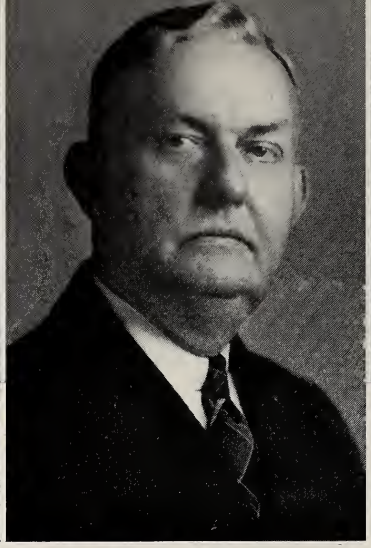
"CROSSING THE BAR" . . . . . ETHEL TAYLOR

BENEDICTION . . . REV. PAUL DEFORREST MORTIMORE

RETIREMENT OF COLORS

TAPS . . . . . CARL E. BOEKE

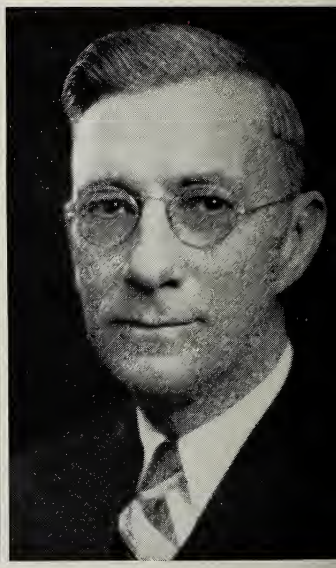
Donald G. Glascoff
Acting National Adjutant



Jefferson Davis Atwood
National Vice Commander

Fred G. Fraser
National Vice Commander

Ralph B. Gregg
National Judge Advocate



John R. Ruddick
National Treasurer

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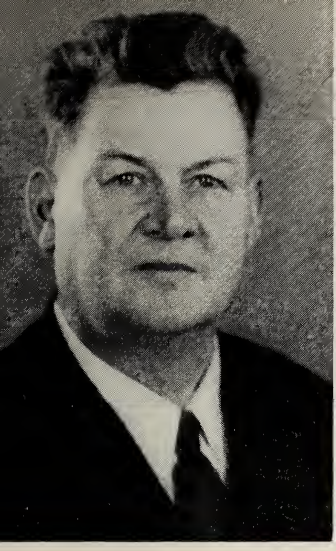

Herman H. Lark
National Vice Commander

John T. Batten
National Vice Commander

Arthur J. Connell
National Vice Commander

ev. Paul De Forrest Mortimore
National Chaplain

Thomas M. Owen, Jr.
National Historian

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Twenty-third Annual National Convention

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1943

9:00 a. m. **Eight and Forty Pouvoir Meeting**

10:30 a. m. **National Executive Committee Meeting,** American Legion Auxiliary Hotel Paxton

1:30 p. m. **Eight and Forty Marche Nationale**

1:30 p. m. **Convention Committee Meetings:** Joslyn Memorial

Credentials: Gallery A, Mrs. Mary Demke, Chairman

Permanent Organization: Gallery K, Mrs. George Walthall, Chairman

Rules: Gallery C, Mrs. John T. Batten, Chairman

2:30 p. m. Convention Committee Meetings: Joslyn Memorial

Americanism: Gallery B, Mrs. Lowell C. Allen, Chairman

Child Welfare and Education of Orphans of Veterans: Gallery D, Mrs. Lee W. Hutton, Chairman

Community Service: Gallery H, Mrs. Allison Bills, Chairman

Junior Activities: Gallery 4, Mrs. Carl H. Hatch, Chairman

Legislation: Gallery K, Mrs. Byrum Harris, Chairman

National Defense: Gallery G, Mrs. Charles B. Gilbert, Chairman

Pan American Study: Gallery C, Mrs. Harrison Smith, Chairman

Radio: Gallery E, Mrs. R. Elton Warman, Chairman

3:30 p. m. Convention Committee Meetings: Joslyn Memorial

Constitution and By-Laws: Gallery K, Mrs. Edward M. Box, Chairman

Finance: Gallery 4, Mrs. W. Harvey Stegman, Chairman

Membership: Gallery C, Mrs. Albert Bevans, Chairman

Poppy: Gallery E, Mrs. Hurlburt Anderson, Chairman

Publication: Gallery B, Mrs. Harold Diers, Chairman

Rehabilitation and Employment: Gallery G, Mrs. Lawrence Smith, Chairman

Resolutions: Gallery H, Mrs. Norman L. Sheehe, Chairman

War Activities: Gallery D, Mrs. Norton H. Pearl, Chairman

AUXILIARY CONVENTION PROGRAM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1943

9:00 a. m. Attendance at **Opening of National Convention of The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary Joint Session,** The Auditorium

1:30 p. m. **Pre-Convention Organ Recital,** Esther Leaf

1:45 p. m. **Opening Session of American Legion Auxiliary National Convention,** Joslyn Memorial Auditorium

1:45 p. m. **Processional of National Officers and Distinguished Guests**

2:00 p. m. **Call to Order** by the National President, Mrs. Alfred J. Mathebat

Advance of Colors

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by Mrs. Lowell C. Allen, National Americanism Chairman

Invocation: Mrs. E. F. Hussman, National Chaplain

The Star Spangled Banner

Reading of the Call to the Convention, by Gwendolyn Wiggin MacDowell, National Secretary

Greetings from the Department of Nebraska, American Legion Auxiliary, by the Department President

2:25 p. m. **Presentation of Convention Chairmen,** by the National Chairman of the Convention Committee, Mrs. Harold Diers

2:45 p. m. **Presentation of National President's Pages**

2:50 p. m. **Reports:** National Secretary, Mrs. Gwendolyn Wiggin MacDowell
National Treasurer, Mrs. Cecilia Wenz
National Historian, Mrs. Grace Gilbert King

3:00 p. m. **Greetings:** National Chaplain, Mrs. E. F. Hussman
National Vice Presidents:
Mrs. Hubert A. Goode, Western Division
Mrs. W. J. Danforth, Southern Division
Miss Marie Koch, Northwestern Division
Mrs. Russell B. Howell, Eastern Division
Mrs. Lutie Long Smith, Central Division

3:30 p. m. **Annual Report** of the National President, Mrs. Alfred J. Mathebat

3:45 p. m. **Greetings:** Past National Presidents:
Mrs. Lowell Fletcher Hobart
Mrs. Franklin Lee Bishop
Mrs. J. W. Macauley
Mrs. Robert Walbridge
Mrs. Boyce Ficklen, Jr.
Mrs. Donald Macrae
Mrs. Robert Lincoln Hoyal
Mrs. Frederick C. Williams
Mrs. S. Alford Blackburn
Mrs. William H. Biester, Jr.
Mrs. Albin Charles Carlson
Mrs. Melville Mucklestone
Mrs. Oscar W. Hahn
Mrs. Malcolm Douglas
Mrs. James Morris
Mrs. William Corwith
Mrs. Louis J. Lemstra
Mrs. Mark W. Murrill

Solo, Mrs Dayton O. Rasmussen

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PREA

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FOR GOD AND COUNTRY, W
FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES: TO
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ORDER; TO FOSTER AND PERPET
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4:15 p. m. **Address:** Mr. Roane Waring, National Commander, The American Legion

Reports of Convention Committees:

Permanent Organization: Mrs. George Walthall, Chairman
Credentials: Mrs. Mary Demke, Chairman
Rules: Mrs. John T. Batten, Chairman

Retirement of Colors

Adjournment

DIVISIONAL CAUCUSES

Joslyn Memorial immediately following adjournment of Convention session

Central Division: Mrs. Lutie Long Smith, Vice President, Auditorium

Eastern Division: Gallery G, Mrs. Russell B. Howell, Vice-President

Northwestern Division: Lecture Hall, Miss Marie Koch, Vice-President

Southern Division: Gallery D, Mrs. W. J. Danforth, Vice-President

Western Division: Gallery B, Mrs. Hubert A. Goode, Vice-President

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1943

9:30 a. m. **Convention Reconvenes,** Joslyn Memorial

Call to Order by the National President, Mrs. Alfred J. Mathebat

Advance of Colors

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Invocation: Mrs. E. F. Hussman, National Chaplain

Vocal Selections, Union Pacific Quartet

Nomination of National Officers

Reports of Convention Committees:

Constitution and By-Laws: Mrs. Edward M. Box, Chairman

Community Service: Mrs. Allison Bills, Chairman

Americanism: Mrs. Lowell C. Allen, Chairman

Legislative: Mrs. Byrum Harris, Chairman

Poppy: Mrs. Hurlburt Anderson, Chairman

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Presentation of Distinguished Guests

Address: Roy Johnson, American Red Cross

Reports of Convention Committees:
Finance: Mrs. W. Harvey Stegman, Chairman
Pan American Study: Mrs. Harrison Smith, Chairman

Address: Major Ruth C. Streeter, U. S. Marine Women's Reserve Director

RECESS FOR LUNCH

2:00 p. m. **Convention Reconvenes:** Joslyn Memorial

Reports of Convention Committees:
Radio: Mrs. R. Elton Warman, Chairman
National Defense: Mrs. Charles B. Gilbert, Chairman
Rehabilitation: Mrs. Lawrence Smith, Chairman
Child Welfare: Mrs. Lee W. Hutton, Chairman

Chorus, Omaha Choral Council of Catholic Women

Address: Captain Lawrence A. Abercrombie, U. S. N.

Report of Past President's Parley, by Mrs. Albin C. Carlson, Chairman

Report of Eight and Forty, by Mrs. Hazel Davis, National Chapeau

Retirement of Colors

Adjournment

Meeting of **Past Presidents' Parley** following adjournment of Convention Session: Orchestra Floor of Joslyn Memorial Auditorium

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1943

9:30 a. m. **Convention Convenes:** Joslyn Memorial

Call to Order, by the National President, Mrs. Alfred J. Mathebat

Advance of Colors

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Invocation: Mrs. E. F. Hussman, National Chaplain

Violin Solo, David Majors

Reports of Convention Committees:
Membership: Mrs. Albert Bevans, Chairman
Publication: Mrs. Harold Diers, Chairman
War Activities: Mrs. Norton H. Pearl
Junior Activities: Mrs. Carl H. Hatch
Constitution and By-Laws: Mrs. Edward M. Box

Election of National Officers

Report of Convention Committee:
Resolutions: Mrs. Norman L. Sheehe, Chairman

Unfinished Business

New Business

Presentation of Newly-elected National Commander of The American Legion

Installation of Officers, by Mrs. William H. Corwith

Presentation of Colors to the Retiring President, by Mrs. Oscar W. Hahn

Retirement of Colors

Adjournment

Post-Convention Meeting of the National Executive Committee

Mrs. Alfred J. Mathebat
National President

Mrs. Gwendolyn Wiggin MacDowell
National Secretary

Mrs. Cecilia Wenz
National Treasurer

Mrs. Russell B. Howell
Vice-President, Eastern Division

Mrs. W. J. Danforth
Vice-President, Southern Division

NATIONAL OFFICERS

Mrs. Grace Gilbert King
National Historian

Mrs. E. F. Hussman
National Chaplain

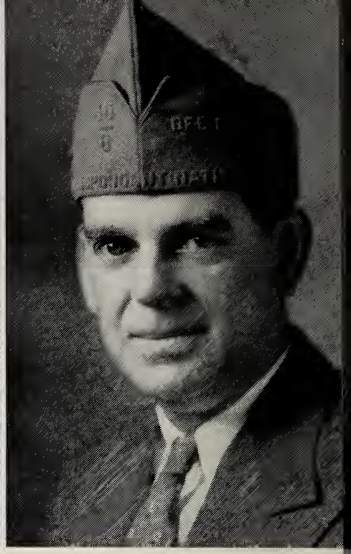
Mrs. Lutie Long Smith
Vice-President, Central Division

Mrs. Marie Koch
Vice-President, Northwestern Division

Mrs. Hubert A. Goode
Vice-President, Western Division

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Elbert H. Burns
Chef de Chemin de Fer



Charles W. Ardery
Correspondant Nationale

NATIONAL OFFICERS

OFFICIAL PROGRAM

Twenty-fourth Promenade Natianale

LA SOCIETE DES 40 HOMMES ET 8 CHEVAUX

Omaha, Nebraska » September 21 and 22, 1943

Registration at Legion Booths in connection with Legion Registration in City Auditorium, also at Forty and Eight Headquarters, Hotel Castle. Registration fee 50c, includes badge.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1943

9:30 p. m. **Forty and Eight Cocktail, Buffet Supper, Dance and Floor Show,** Ball Room, Hotel Fontenelle

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1943

5:00 p. m. **Meeting of Cheminot Nationaux** (National Executive Committee), Committee Room, Hotel Castle

N. Carl Nielsen
Commissaire Intendant Nationale

Frank Tedford
Grand Chef de Gare, 1942-43

Joseph L. Adams
Grand Chef de Gare, 1943-44

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5:30 p. m. **Meeting of Committee on Credentials,** Committee Room, Hotel Castle

5:30 p. m. **Meeting of Committee on Rules and Order,** Committee Room, Hotel Castle

5:30 p. m. **Meeting of Committee on Permanent Organization,** Committee Room, Hotel Castle

OPENING SESSION: Ball Room, Hotel Castle

9:30 p. m. **Call to Order,** by Chef de Chemin de Fer, E. H. Burns

Advancement of Colors

Invocation: Aumonier Nationale, Rev. John C. Moore

Reading of Call for Promenade Nationale, by Correspondant Nationale

Greetings:

Frank Tedford, Grand Chef de Gare, 1943, Nebraska
Honorable Dwight Griswold, Governor of Nebraska
Honorable Dan B. Butler, Mayor of Omaha
Roane Waring, National Commander, The American Legion

Response: Chef de Chemin de Fer, E. H. Burns

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1943—Continued

11:00 p. m. **Memorial Services:** Aumonier Nationale, Rev. John C. Moore

11:30 p. m. **Reports of Committees On:**

1. Credentials
2. Permanent Organization
3. Rules and Order

11:45 p. m. **Reports of National Officers:**

1. Chef de Chemin de Fer
2. Commissaire Intendant Nationale
3. Correspondant Nationale
4. Historian Nationale
5. Avocat Nationale

12:00 p. m. **Announcements, Committee Appointments, Etc.**

Retirement of Colors

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1943

9:00 a. m. **Meeting of All Committees,** except Credentials, Permanent Organization, and Rules and Order, in Committee Rooms, Hotel Castle

3:30 p. m. **Promenade Nationale:** Ball Room, Hotel Castle

Call to Order: Chef de Chemin de Fer, E. H. Burns

Advancement of Colors

Invocation: Aumonier Nationale, Rev. John C. Moore

Reports of Committees On:

1. Ritual
2. Paraphernalia
3. Voiture Activities
4. Finance
5. Resolutions
6. Child Welfare
7. Constitution
8. Trophies and Awards

4:30 p. m. **New Business**

4:45 p. m. **Election of Officers for 1944**

Retirement of Colors

Benediction: Aumonier Nationale 1944

Adjournment

Meeting of Cheminots Nationaux 1944 immediately following adjournment of Promenade Nationale

MRS. HAZEL DAVIS
Le Chapeau Nationale

PROGRAM

LA BOUTIQUE DES 8 CHAPEAUX ET 40 FEMMES

22nd Annual Marche Program

Sunday September 19, 1943, Regis Hotel

Registration Fee 50c

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1943
Registration Fee 50c. Regis Hotel
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1943
Registration, Regis Hotel
9:00 a. m. National Pouvoir Meeting, Regis Hotel

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12:00 Noon **Luncheon,** Blackstone Hotel

1:30 p. m. **Divisional Caucuses,** Blackstone Hotel

2:00 p. m. **La Marche Nationale, Opening Session,** Blackstone Hotel

Processional of National Officers

Call to Order: Le Chapeau Nationale, HAZEL DAVIS

Colors Advanced: La Consierge Nationale, EVE FORTUNE and Honorary Marshals, MINNIE DOHERTY, Kansas, and ANNA JOY, New Hampshire

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Led by FLORENCE MURPHY

Invocation: La Aumonier Nationale, AGNES ALLEN

"In Flanders Field": Le Demi Chapeau Nationale, VIRGINIA MCCARTHY

"America's Answer": Le Demi Chapeau Nationale, ROSE BASSETT

Song, "Long, Long Trail"

Roll Call: Secretaire Nationale, PAULINE RAIRDON

Reading of Call to La Marche Nationale

Reading of Minutes of La Marche Nationale, September 18, 1942

Reading of Minutes of Pouvior Meeting, September 18, 1942

Reading of Minutes of Pouvior Meeting, September 20, 1943

Introduction of Les Officers Nationaux

Greetings:
General Chairman American Legion Auxiliary Convention, ELSIE DIERS
Chairman La Marche Nationale, FRANCES WHELAN, and Introduction Committee

Reports:
La Marche Nationale Committees:
Permanent Organization Chairman, MARY DANA
Rules and Order Chairman, HELEN BUSSER, Ohio
Credentials Chairman, MILDRED HUTCHENS

Greetings:
National Commander of The American Legion, MR. ROANE WARING
National President of the American Legion Auxiliary, MRS. RUTH MATHEBAT
Le Chef de Chemin de Fer, La Societes des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, ELBERT H. BURNS
Department President, MRS. JOHN STARR, American Legion Auxiliary

Memorial Service: L'Aumonier Nationale, AGNES ALLEN

Adoption of Printed Reports:
Report of Le Chapeau Nationale, HAZEL DAVIS
Recommendations by Le Chapeau Nationale, HAZEL DAVIS
Reports of Les Demi Chapeaux Nationaux:
Eastern Division, VIRGINIA MCCARTHY
Central Division, ROSE BASSETT
Southern Division, FRANCES LOWE
Western Division, HELEN BERRY
Northwestern Division, EVA BUNDAY

Report of La Secretaire: Cassiere Nationale, PAULINE RAIRDON

Reports:
L'Archiviste Nationale, NELLIE BACKHERMS
L'Aumonier Nationale, AGNES ALLEN
La Concierge Nationale, EVE FORTUNE
L'Avocate Nationale, MABEL JARVIS
La Surintendants Nationale, FLORENCE MURPHY

Reports of Standing Committees:
Child Welfare: FLORENCE TAYLOR, Chairman
Introduction of Area Chairmen

Introduction of Hospital Chairman
MAYME DAVIS, Colorado

Partnership Committee: RUTH ALLARD, Chairman
Introduction of Area Chairmen

Auxiliary Membership Chairman, BEATRICE STRANSKY
Introduction of Area Chairmen

Ritual and Regalia Committee, HELEN RUTZLER, Chairman

Radio, ELSIE JOHNSON, Chairman

Hat Box Editor and Publicity Director, THELMA BAILEY

Constitution and By-Laws Committee, MARGARET DELLES, Chairman

Marche Resolutions Chairman, MOLLIE AVERILL

Finance, DAISY WHITEHEAD, Chairman

Trophies and Awards Chairman, PAULINE CARLSON

Presentation of Trophies and Awards

New Business:
Nomination and Election of Officers

Ratification of Election of Les Demi-Chapeaux Nationaux, elected in Divisional Caucus, September 20, 1943

Presentation of Newly Elected Officers

Installation

Announcements

Colors Retired

Adjournment

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1943

10:00 a. m. **National Pouvior Meeting:** Regis Hotel

Call to Order: Le Chapeau National Passe, HAZEL DAVIS

Unfinished Business

Presentation of Newly Elected Officers: Newly elected Chapeau presiding

New Business

Adjournment

Clinton Brome
National Committeeman

Matt D. Jaap
Secretary

OFFICERS & AIDES OMAHA

James P. Lee
Treasurer

John E. Curtiss
Department Liasion

Vincent C. Hascall
Registration and Information
Commander Omaha Post No. 1

CONVENTION CORPORATION

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On February 2, 1857, when Omaha was incorporated as a city it was little more than a trading post. The picture on the opposite page shows a portion of downtown Omaha as it is today . . . a thriving, progressive metropolis. Immediately at the left is the City Hall of Omaha. In it are located the offices of the Omaha Legion Post No. 1, world's largest post.

Ben Knuth
Transportation

Robert Webb
Housing

Irving Sorenson
Service

Sam W. Reynolds
Distinguished Guests
Ray Williams
Colored Activities

COMMITTEE

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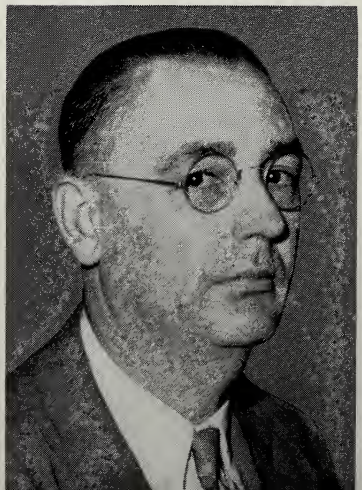
Frank B. Heintze
Greetings



Mrs. Elsie Diers
Auxiliary

J. M. Harding
Publicity

Leo B. Bozell
Program and Printing

Harry Trustin
Halls and Meeting Rooms

CHAIRMEN
VENTION
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Major General Frederick E. Uhl
Military Liaision

Frank Manske
Forty and Eight

Eugene Walker
Decorations and Concessions

Jake Isaacson
Convention Functions

SPECIAL EVENTS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1943—

Buffet Supper for all Legionnaires in the armed services attending the convention, Guests of Omaha Post No. 1.
Hotel Paxton - 11:00 P. M.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1943—

High Tea, for Legion nurses and Yeomanettes, sponsored by Rose E. Buman Nurses Division of Omaha Post No. 1.
Home of Dr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Niehaus, 411 S. 40th Street
5 to 7 P. M.

Silver Anniversary Dinner for Distinguished Guests. Invitations prorated by departments.
Hotel Fontenelle Ballroom - - - - - - - - - - - - 7:30 P. M.

Annual meeting and buffet supper—American Legion Press Association.
Hotel Paxton - 11:00 P. M.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1943—

Breakfast, for National Organization of World War Nurses.
Blackstone Hotel - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 8:00 A. M.

Balloon Corps Veterans Association—Reunion at Fort Omaha.

Business meeting—2:30 P. M.

Reception and G. I. Dinner—5:00 P. M.

Balloon Corps Headquarters—2nd Floor Omaha Athletic Club.

STEIVOS Dinner for Department Adjutants.
Hotel Castle - 7:00 P. M.

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Gigantic Stage Production and Dance

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1943—9:00 P. M.

OMAHA CITY AUDITORIUM

—Presenting—

CRESTA BLANCA CARNIVAL

Featuring in Person, **WALTER O'KEEFE,** Master of Ceremonies
and Other Great Stars of Stage and Screen

Dancing until 1:00 A. M.

ADMISSION BY REGISTRATION TICKET ONLY

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Technicolor motion pictures of Latin-America will be shown daily under auspices of the Public Forum of Omaha at the Central Club, 2027 Dodge street. All Legion visitors are invited.

View of the American Legion Club Dining Room and Lounge

For the purpose of building a fund for the establishment of a permanent Omaha Post Home, the new Legion Club in the Rome Hotel was recently opened. The club facilities consist of a lounge, dining room which seats 450 persons, the Stag Room, and the Emblem Room, or bar-lounge which is brilliantly decorated with division insignia of Army forces in World War I and World War II, and is unique among bars of the nation in its military embellishments.

Legion Club Lounge

Legion Club Emblem Room

Joslyn Memorial Art Museum—167,000 visitors annually

In 1931 the $3,500,000 Joslyn Memorial, a marble temple of art, was opened and dedicated to serve Omaha as an art museum and cultural center. It houses outstanding permanent and guest art exhibits and provides a year-round program of lectures and concerts for its visitors.

Since early pioneer days, Omaha has been noted for its excellent medical facilities and outstanding professional men. It has kept its lead and today ranks as one of the great medical centers of the country.

University of Nebraska Hospital
and Medical School

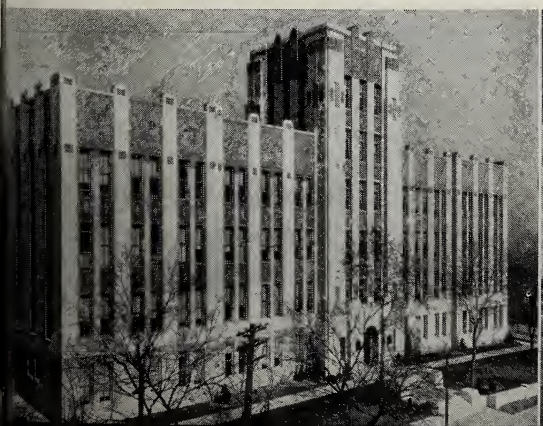
Douglas County Hospital

Famous the world over—Boys Town—just 11 miles west of Omaha

Three educational institutions of university rank are located here. They are the Creighton University, the Municipal University of Omaha, and University of Nebraska College of Medicine. The Nebraska School for the Deaf is also in Omaha.

Just eleven miles west of Omaha is the internationally famous Boys Town, Father Flanagan's "City of Little Men" which was founded in 1917. Four hundred boys from nearly every state in the Union live in the 760-acre "city" which has its own city council, post office, chapel, school, work shops and farm.

Creighton University



Municipal University of Omaha

Hanscom Park Lagoon—one of Omaha's many beauty spots

Omaha is particularly proud of its fifty parks which cover over 2,500 acres, and of its many fine residential districts and their beautiful tree-lined streets.

Omaha invites you to visit its many places of interest, and sincerely hopes that you will enjoy your stay here during the American Legion National Convention of 1943.

Omaha justly boasts its beautiful residential districts

The Missouri River south from Mt. Vernon Gardens on So. 13th St.

Airview of part of the stock yards at South Omaha

Omaha has fourteen packing plants and is one of the largest livestock marketing and meat-packing centers in the world. It is the number one butter producing center of the world, and is one of the major grain markets.

The Union Pacific Railroad, which laid its first rails here in 1865, is headquartered here, as is also the Burlington and Northwestern railroads. At the "crossroads of the nation," Omaha is the fourth railroad center of the United States.

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Union Station

HOTEL ASSIGNMENTS

TO THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS FOR THE

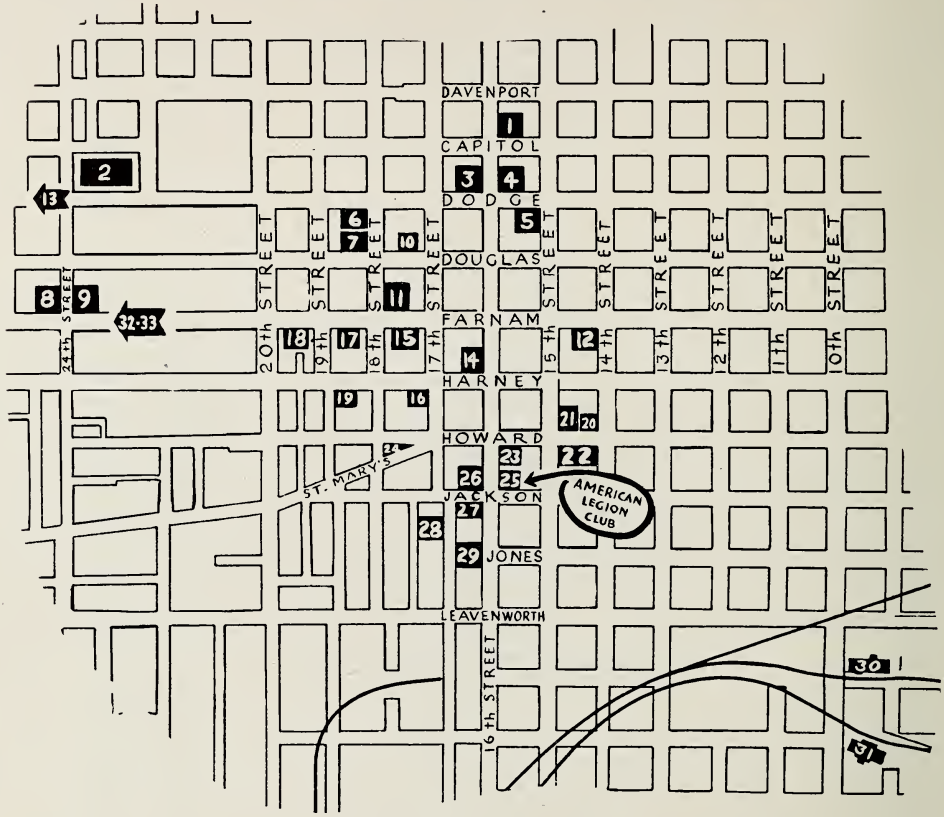
American Legion National Convention

Department	Hotel	Telephone
ALABAMA	Fontenelle	AT. 6226
ALASKA	Hill Hotel	AT. 9332
ARIZONA	Wellington	AT. 0134
ARKANSAS	Fontenelle	AT. 6226
CALIFORNIA	Conant-Sanford	AT. 1313
	Loyal	AT. 7366
COLORADO	Castle	AT. 8750
	Dundee Manor	WA. 0500
CONNECTICUT	Blackstone	HA. 0945
	Loyal	AT. 7366
DELAWARE	Regis	AT. 9564
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Rome	AT. 9354
	Lee	AT. 5933
FLORIDA	Regis	AT. 9564
GEORGIA	Rome	AT. 9354
	Elks Club Hotel	AT. 3911
IDAHO	Elks Club Hotel	AT. 3911
	Irwin Hotel	HA. 1600
ILLINOIS	Castle	AT. 8750
	Lee	AT. 5933
INDIANA	Hotel Paxton	AT. 8326
IOWA	Fontenelle	AT. 6226
KANSAS	Hotel Paxton	AT. 8326
KENTUCKY	Carlton Hotel	AT. 5588
	Hamilton Hotel	AT. 4701
LOUISIANA	Fontenelle	AT. 6226
	Elks Club Hotel	AT. 3911
MAINE	Wellington	AT. 0134
MARYLAND	Blackstone	HA. 0945
	Whitingham Manor	JA. 2882
MASSACHUSETTS	Wellington	AT. 0134
MICHIGAN	Hill Hotel	AT. 9332
MINNESOTA	Fontenelle	AT. 6226
	Hotel Paxton	AT. 8326
MISSISSIPPI	Rome	AT. 9354
	Irwin	HA. 1600
MISSOURI	Rome	AT. 9354
MONTANA	Regis	AT. 9564

Department	Hotel	Telephone
NEBRASKA	Hotel Paxton	AT. 8326
NEVADA	Regis	AT. 9564
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Conant-Sanford	AT. 1313
NEW JERSEY	Rome	AT. 9354
NEW MEXICO	Wellington	AT. 0134
NEW YORK	Chieftain—Co. Bluffs	7701
NORTH CAROLINA	Fontenelle	AT. 6226
NORTH DAKOTA	Conant-Sanford	AT. 1313
OHIO	Hotel Paxton	AT. 8326
OKLAHOMA	Hill	AT. 9332
OREGON	Elks Club Hotel	AT. 3911
	Neville Hotel	AT. 8164
PENNSYLVANIA	Regis	AT. 9564
	Hill	AT. 9332
RHODE ISLAND	Elks Club Hotel	AT. 3911
SOUTH CAROLINA	Blackstone	HA. 0945
SOUTH DAKOTA	Rome	AT. 9354
	Lee	AT. 5933
TENNESSEE	Hotel Paxton	AT. 8326
UTAH	Delmar	JA. 5492
VERMONT	Rome	AT. 9354
	Hamilton Hotel	AT. 4701
VIRGINIA	Regis	AT. 9564
WASHINGTON	Rome	AT. 9354
WEST VIRGINIA	Hill	AT. 9332
WISCONSIN	Fontenelle	AT. 6226
	Elks Club Hotel	AT. 3911
	Flatiron	AT. 7787
WYOMING	Regis	AT. 9564
FOREIGN DEPARTMENTS		
CANADA	Fontenelle	AT. 6226
FRANCE	Hotel Paxton	AT. 8326
HAWAII	Fontenelle	AT. 6226
ITALY	Hotel Paxton	AT. 8326
MEXICO	Fontenelle	AT. 6226
PANAMA	Fontenelle	AT. 6226
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS	Hotel Paxton	AT. 8326
PUERTO RICO	Hotel Paxton	AT. 8326
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS	Fontenelle	AT. 6226
AUXILIARY	Hotel Paxton	AT. 8326
EIGHT AND FORTY	Regis	AT. 9564
FORTY AND EIGHT	Castle	AT. 8750
NATIONAL HDQTS. STAFF	Hill	AT. 9332
CONVENTION HALL	Auditorium	WE. 5370
CONVENTION CORPORATION	Rome	WE. 5370
OMAHA POST No. 1	City Hall	AT. 3780

MAP OF DOWNTOWN OMAHA

Showing Hotels and Points of Interest



1. Loyal Hotel
2. Joslyn Memorial
3. Post Office
4. Neville Hotel
5. Federal Building
6. Elks Club
7. Fontenelle Hotel
8. Hamilton Hotel
9. Delmar Hotel
10. Omaha Athletic Club
11. City Hall—Omaha Post No. 1 Office
12. Paxton Hotel
13. To Dundee Manor
14. Regis Hotel
15. Court House
16. Y. M. C. A.
17. Wellington Hotel
18. Conant-Sanford Hotel
19. Public Library
20. Lee Hotel
21. Carlton Hotel
22. City Auditorium
23. Hill Hotel
24. Flatiron Hotel
25. Rome Hotel
    American Legion Club
26. Burlington Bus Depot
27. Union Bus Depot
28. Irwin Hotel
29. Castle Hotel
30. Union Station
31. Burlington Station
32. To Blackstone Hotel
33. To Whitingham Manor Hotel

dedication to the veterans of 1943:

★ The mighty struggle in which we are engaged today against the barbaric totalitarian powers is being waged to preserve our very existence. America, and the civilized nations of the world look to our soldiers, sailors, marines and other service and fighting forces to bring security and everlasting peace to the peoples of the earth. To these who will soon be war veterans, as we are, we dedicate our untiring support . . . every hour of every day . . . every day until Victory. No job, no matter how small, shall be left undone until complete and final victory is won.